

## FRENCH REPRISALS TO BE LAST RESORT

German Note on Pre-War  
Debts Awaited Before Ac-  
tion in Alsace-Lorraine.

## HOPE FOR CONCESSION

Teuton Banks Withdraw  
70,000,000 Francs to  
Other Countries.

## AVERTED CONFISCATION

Threatened Expulsions Feared  
as Adding Fuel to Race  
Hatred.

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France will take reprisal measures against German nationals in Alsace-Lorraine on Monday, only if the German note which is on the way here does not offer the slightest basis for continuing negotiations over debts contracted by Germans with French citizens before the war.

Although the measures if taken would mark a serious step and would introduce new bitterness in the Franco-German dispute, the feeling here to-night was that the Germans have not sent another flat refusal, despite the press indications to this effect.

Significant, however, of how seriously the Germans themselves view the situation arising over the ultimatum regarding private claims, is the fact that in the last two days large German banks have transferred to Swiss and Dutch banks some 70,000,000 in French francs which had been deposited in American and other foreign banks here. This probably was due to the fear of confiscation by the French Government for the purpose of applying the money to the German debt account.

From what can be learned of the reprisal measures which were approved,

## Dowager Czarina Spurns Visit from Italian King

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 4.—During his recent visit to the Danish Court the King of Italy expressed his desire to pay his respects to the Dowager Empress of Russia, Marie Feodorovna, who lives at the seaside a few miles from town in a house she owns jointly with her sister, Queen Mother Alexandra of England. The ex-empress conveyed to the King the message that she did not wish to see the man who at Genoa had shaken hands with the murderers of her son.

At the cabinet meeting yesterday the French meant to confine these at first to Alsace, beginning with the immediate expulsion of 150 German nationals there and the confiscation of their property, which would be credited to the German Government as part of the installment of \$10,000,000 which is due on August 15. A similar number would be expelled weekly in the hopes of bringing Germany to terms.

Underlying these measures would intensify the Alsace-Lorraine troubles due to the racial question. It is estimated that there are 80,000 Germans there, many of whom have become naturalized Frenchmen, or automatically so through treaty provisions, are Germans at heart and will resent the expulsions.

## Would Intensify Race Hate.

On the other hand the French sympathizers have for months been demanding the proposed expulsions, contending that the Germans are stirring up trouble and are a menace to the country. It will be these individuals who will be selected for expulsion.

Financially it will mean little, as German property which has not already been sequestered amounts to only a few million francs, according to Strasbourg reports, whereas the French private claims against the Germans in Alsace-Lorraine alone amount to nearly 1,000,000,000 francs.

PARIS, Aug. 3 (Associated Press).—The German reply to the Poincaré ultimatum on payments of private debts has not arrived in Paris, but official circles believe it will merely be another refusal and will not delay the imposition of the penalties. One penalty is believed to be the confiscation of all German bank deposits in France, Alsace-Lorraine and in occupied territory.

The Poincaré ultimatum on this question was being held in Paris by the German Government on the day the German banks for the account of German business houses and also for the German Government, the latter's policy having been to establish credits in foreign currency in Paris, Brussels and London to meet reparations payments.

## BRITAIN SEEKING NEAR EAST PEACE

Lloyd George Says Minorities  
Must Have Efficient  
Protection.

## WOULD END ATROCITIES

Holds Greeks Justified in Demanding Guaranties in Pontus Region.

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Associated Press).—In the House of Commons today the Government was urged to bring about an immediate settlement of the difficulties between Greece and Turkey.

Prime Minister Lloyd George said the Government had nothing to conceal in its policy and desired above all that peace should be established in the Near East. He explained that the position now was that the Allies were defending Constantinople against the Greeks, who undoubtedly would carry it forthwith if the Allies were not there. He said it was right that Constantinople should not be defended, but added, "Don't let it be said that we are unduly favoring the Greeks and giving them some sort of preferential treatment."

"There are even suggestions," he continued, "not altogether without foundation, perhaps, that the Komalists force have been re-equipped from Europe, and under any other conditions the Greeks would have been entitled to blockade the coast of Asia Minor and prevent arms from going to Turkey."

He said the developments of the last few months had made it clear that whatever happened, there must be adequate and efficient protection of minorities in that part of Asia Minor, and this must be an essential part of any settlement that Great Britain would accept.

## Adrianople Hinders Peace.

In connection with the Near East situation, Fethi Bey, Minister of Interior in the Turkish Nationalist Government, who has arrived here for the announced purpose of making proposals in that part of Asia Minor, and this must be an essential part of any settlement that Great Britain would accept.

In reviewing Great Britain's relations with Turkey, the Prime Minister told the Commons that this country had fought one big war to preserve Turkey from extinction and had constantly intervened to protect her from attack.

and death, when Turkey could have as easily been a free and independent state without hesitation, as a result of conspiracy and intrigue entered into before the war with our greatest enemy, did us the greatest disservice. I have no hesitation in saying that her action prolonged the war probably by a couple of years."

Mr. Lloyd George asserted that the collapse of Russia was almost entirely due to Turkey's action.

"It would never have happened," he declared, "if the Black Sea had been free. The same applies to the collapse of Rumania."

The Premier said it was a mistake to suppose that the occupation of the great powers in Paris.

He said it was true that atrocities had been committed by Greek soldiers, but the allied commission's inquiries had shown that the Turkish atrocities were greater. In the Pontus region, he said, tens of thousands of men, women and children were deported and tens of thousands were dying. In view of such conditions, he said he thought the Greeks were justified in demanding guaranties of protection before the allied troops retired.

"We have to hold the balance just and fair between both parties," he continued. "It is not a question of Moslem and Christian. It is a question of humanity."

He said the responsibility for the establishment of peace must be that of the Allies and they had a right to say that they would make no peace which would place hundreds of thousands of helpless people at the mercy of those guilty of atrocities in the Pontus region without guaranties.

## STEFANSSON ADVANCE GUARD TO COME BACK

Ship Will Go From Nome for Wrangel Island Party.

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 4 (Associated Press).—After spending a year on Wrangel Island in the Arctic Ocean, the advance guard of Stefansson's exploration and development expedition to the Far North is to be brought back here on the power schooner Nokatak.

On telegraph orders from Stefansson, Capt. Fred Swanson is fitting the Nokatak out to go after the party.

The party, which landed on the island last summer, is said to have hoisted the British flag and claimed the territory for Great Britain. Previously the island has been regarded as Russian territory, according to ship masters familiar with the Arctic.

## PETS PUZZLE LONDON.

Hotels in London are perplexed to know what to do with the pets brought by American visitors, says the *Daily Mail*. These pets include dogs, cats and rabbits. A kangaroo was brought into a Strand hotel with instructions that it was to have plenty of milk and as much food as he wanted. A woman took a room in the Savoy Hotel for a pet dog with a bed for the dog to sleep on.

## PREMIERS MAY TRY TO CUT ARMAMENT

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Europe immediately restored, are crying out. "Get rid of paper, stabilize conditions at any cost so that we can pay even the present taxes out of our increased trade." But even they refuse to take America's firmness seriously, and think time and political action will bring America around to their viewpoint. That is why there is talk of a Washington conference again being revived, as the *Daily Mail* says this morning, and America may expect efforts will be made along these lines, not immediately but after the Balfour storm has died down.

## Harvey Urged to Attend.

The Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, Baron Hayaishi, is expected to be present at the conversations Monday, Japan having been invited to send a representative. Italian and Belgian representatives will attend, and renewed efforts were made this afternoon to induce Ambassador Harvey to attend if possible as an unofficial observer. The conference will be more and more partake of the nature of a full dress meeting of the old time Supreme Council and will be able to discuss any phase of European affairs it deems wise.

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Associated Press).—Discussing the agenda of Monday's conference the diplomatic expert of the *Daily Telegraph* says the earlier impression that the Balfour note would preclude examination of any project for a broad settlement of the interrelated debts is no longer widely held, and it is believed that the very least an explanation of this problem will be essayed.

The supposed division of opinion in the Cabinet regarding the British policy toward the debt problem seems responsible for another revival of the report that Prime Minister Lloyd George contemplates an early election. It is stated that if the conference yields nothing of value and conditions drift from bad to worse the Premier is likely to resort to

the dissolution of Parliament, with an election in the autumn.

A meeting of Unionists under the presidency of Austen Chamberlain was held last night to consider the growing desire for the independence of the Unionist party. The meeting, according to the *Daily Mail*, decided to press energetically for the Premier's acceptance of a more pronounced Conservative policy.

## LONDON WEEKLY PRESS DEPLORES DEBT NOTE

Generally Regards It as Having Made Situation Worse.

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Associated Press).—The Earl of Balfour's note on interrelated debts is the subject of equally as keen discussion in the weekly reviews as in the daily press. The note is generally treated as having made worse the situation.

The *Spectator* finds it far too subtle for the simple matter with which it deals, and complaining that throughout it is aimed at the American Government.

Otherwise, the *Spectator* asks, "Why was the question of our indebtedness to America introduced?"

Belief is expressed by the *Nation* that Lord Balfour was talking primarily to Premier Poincaré and not to America, but that the effect of his "coherent statement of a reasonable and generous policy will be to annoy America."

This *Nation* believes the best way to move America to a large minded policy is to enlist her idealism. "In other words," it says, "If America and Great Britain could agree to remit French debts on condition that France abandon her militarism, we do not think much inclination would remain in Washington to press us for our dues."

The *Nation* thinks that had Lord Balfour taken this line frankly and firmly he would have had more success.

As a rule there was a less anxious note to the morning papers' editorials, one cheerily opening with: "The fog is lifting," while others emphasized that opportunity for working out the European policy in concert will be afforded by the coming international conversations in London.

Further hope is ventured that the meetings will prepare the way for a wider conference in which the United States can participate. Referring to this hope, the *Daily Mail* says the confer-

ence in Washington for the funding of the British debt may assume greater significance, and that Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, probably will be the principal British delegate.

Speculation in this regard extends in several directions, one line being that the policy of canceling the European debts regardless of her own debt to the United States will be adopted by Great Britain, but that the work of carrying out this program will be transferred to other hands (a new government), to be chosen by an appeal to the people.

The *Star*, advanced Liberal newspaper, asked editorially whether the critics of the arguments set forth by the Earl of Balfour thought that the British were going to work twenty-five years to pay the United States, while the other Allies remain nothing.

The newspaper warns its readers that those who answer this question affirmatively are living in a fool's paradise and are likely to be rudely awakened by the advent of a Labor government, which will not act with courage to obtain "fair play for the men who risked their lives against those who only risked their money, and get the country out of this web of organized rapacity."

The intended inference is apparently that a Labor government would institute the confiscation of or a levy upon capital for the purpose of paying the debt.

## MACHINE GUNS SENT TO GUARD PENITENTIARY

Prisoners Held for Attacking Woman in Motor.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 4.—The Durham machine gun company of the North Carolina National Guard has been ordered to Raleigh to guard three negro prisoners who were rushed to State prison here following their arrest in connection with the attack on a white woman and the shooting of her husband near Southern Pines, N. C., this morning.

CARTERSVILLE, N. C., Aug. 4.—A E. Ketchen of Miami, Fla., was shot and perhaps fatally wounded while defending his wife from an attack by three negroes last night near Southern Pines. Two of the negroes who attacked the Ketchens' automobile have confessed,

according to Sheriff Blue, and all three have been placed in the State penitentiary for safekeeping. The Ketchens were en route from Miami to New York and were camped along the road when attacked.

Sheriff Blue said Mr. and Mrs. Ketchen and their child were camping along the road when three negroes entered their tent about 1 o'clock this morning and demanded money. When Ketchen tried to reach for his pistol one of the negroes opened fire, a bullet striking him in the breast. Mrs. Ketchen grabbed the child and ran out of the tent and was overtaken by two of the negroes, who attacked her. The negroes then returned to the tent and robbed Ketchen of all valuables, including money, a pistol and jewelry. Mr. and Mrs. Ketchen are now at a hospital at Southern Pines.



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"It should be possible to form an accurate estimate of public opinion," predicted the *New York Tribune*, commenting on the tabulation of the first 200,000 votes in the "Digest's" national referendum on Prohibition and the Bonus, "when the third or fourth hundred thousand are tabulated."

In this week's issue the tabulation of more than 480,000 votes is presented, and numerous publicists are ready with estimates of the state of public opinion which the ballots show. The *Pittsburgh Sun*, with an eye to certain humorous aspects of the situation, says:

"It has been amusing, when not distressing, to read the wild statements of the 'wets' and the more rabid 'dries.' Each camp has assured the patient public a thousand times that it holds 90 per cent of all American citizens. Of course, the 90 per cent. can not be in both camps at the same time, tho a considerable proportion of us may carry water on one shoulder and something else on another. It will be as refreshing as the outlawed mint julep is said to have been to have adequate and accurate information as to just what we do think, these hot summer months. What-

ever the outcome of the vote, it is likely to put an end to the foolish claims of the extremists on both sides by affording authentic information upon which to base discussion. And that is what we, the people, chiefly need—authentic information."

As to the Federal Bonus for Soldiers and Sailors a small number of strongly pro-bonus advocates join the several "dry" leaders who have announced that the present poll is not representative. The *Indianapolis Star* takes a more commonly held position and says: "THE LITERARY DIGEST is not championing or opposing either Prohibition or the Bonus, but is interested only in disclosing sentiment on those subjects. If the force of public opinion is not back of either proposition, no harm can come from knowing that fact. If it is back of either or both, much good may be expected from such a disclosure."

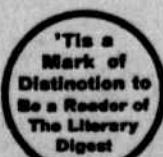
The results of this tremendous poll of the nation will be published in the "Digest" from week to week throughout the summer, and when complete the people of the United States should know, as never before, the actual public sentiment upon these two burning issues. Other striking news-features in the "Digest" this week are:

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